

# Who are you?

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And today, I am going to answer a question that every person at one point in their lives has asked themselves. I do not care how spiritual or non-spiritual you are, there comes a point in life when sooner or later, everyone will wrestle with this question and everyone will ask themselves this singular question. We will be studying today from the third chapter of the book of Exodus, if you follow along as I read. Now Moses pastured the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the back side of the desert and came to the mountain of God, Eden for Horeb. And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him on a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush and he looked and saw the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. And Moses said, I will now turn aside and see this great sight why the bush is not burned. And when the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see God's called unto him out of the midst of the bushes, He said, "Moses, Moses, and he said, "Here I am." And he said "do not come near, put off thy shoes from thy feet for the place where you are standing is holy ground. Moreover he said, "I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face for he was afraid to look upon God. And the Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry, the reason is their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. Do not you know God knows the troubles and the sorrows that you are dealing with right now? And I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land of the Lord and unto a land flowing with milk and honey unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, the Amorites and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, to the Jebusites. Now therefore behold the cry of the children of Israel has come unto me, and I have also seen the oppression where with the Egyptians oppressed them. Come now therefore and I will send thee on the pharaoh that thou may bring forth my people, the children of Israel out of Egypt. And Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go in the pharaoh and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?" And He said, "Certainly I will be with thee and this shall be a token unto thee that I sent you, and when thou has brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain. Moses said unto God, "Behold when I come unto the children of Israel and say unto them: "The God of your fathers has sent me unto you and they shall say to me: "What is his name?" "What shall I say unto them?" God said unto Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said thus shall thou say unto the children of Israel, "I AM have sent me unto you."

And what I want to speak to you about today stems from the 11th verse of the third chapter of Exodus. And Moses said unto God, "Who am I that I should

go to the pharaoh and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt. I want to talk to you today from that simple subject and the question that Moses asked God when he got into God's presence standing on holy ground, and here Moses was presented with this great task, his great destiny, the very thing that he was born and pulled out of the water for, and Moses stood there in front of God and the presence of the Holy One. Moses asked a question that all of us at one point in our lives have, deep down in our soul, asked the question. He said, "Who am I." Turn to the person sitting next to you and ask this question, "Who are you?" I mean that is a serious question and oftentimes we have what some people refer to and what will go through that is called an identity crisis because sometimes we do not know who we are. We do not know what we are supposed to be. But not only do we know who we are, sometimes people, we do not even know what we are. There are a lot of people that do not know if they are man or woman. We do not know who we are. We do not know what we are. So when Moses asked God that question, "Who am I?" It echoed the same question that rings through all of us and all of us at one point or another as we are faced with tasks and sins to be insurmountable. We have asked the question, "Who am I?"

One thing about Moses and I think this may even apply to many of us is Moses did not really know who his daddy was. The bible does not say one way or another but it always only indicates his mother. Moses evidently said he was taken at a young age and reared some way off this and that was the thing to have Moses be nourished by his mother but he never mentions his daddy. So sometimes, male especially, we get our identities from our father and when father is missing, we often will ask the question, "Who am I?" And when you look at how Moses was answered by God in that sixth verse of the third chapter of Exodus, when Moses told God the question, "Who am I?" God answered, he said, "I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, and Moses hid his face and he was afraid to look upon God. First thing God told who he was instead of him saying, I am the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, thus I am the God of your daddy. I am the God of your daddy whether you know him or not, whether he was there for you or not, whether he supported you or not, whether he was good or not, because I am the God of your father. And when we understand that God is the God of all, and then we will begin to get an understanding of who we really are. I am the God of your daddy. When Moses asked God, "Who am I?" God said in that twelfth verse of the third chapter of Exodus, "Certainly I will be with thee. And this shall be a token unto thee that I have sent thee. And if thou have brought forth the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God upon this mountain. "Who am I, Lord?" I will be with you? And this will be the sign that I am with you. When you do what I sent you to do. This is the sign. And you know many of us have given that sign and we say, "What kind of sign is that?" He said this will be a token, this will be a sign unto you when you have

delivered the people then you come back and worship on this mountain. When you have done what I have told you to do, this is going to be the sign. And sometimes people if we look at our lives, the only way we could have possibly believed in the power of God, you see, that is the sign. I do not have to wonder whether God is with me, because the only way, look I have been in some situation and the only way I could have possibly be, the in fact is I was only a junkie. The sign was in fact that I made it through and sometimes we do not understand that the token, that the sign is in the very second we have been brought through and that we made it, that we are not dead or in the spot where we could be where our own mess would have gotten us in. You are sitting here, not in a chair, not on iron long, not on a hole in the ground. You are sitting here, because God has been with you.

That is the sign itself. And Moses, even with all of these, he still had insecurities. Who am I? And Moses said, "Lord, what if the people do not believe that you sent me. God said, tell them, "I AM sent you." Tell them, "I AM sent you." People let me tell you the difference between the natural and the supernatural. The natural says, who am I? The supernatural reverses and says, I am. And you will never do what God had destined you to do until you understand and know who you are. Until you can look in the mirror and say I am. The only thing people of the world will tell or attempt to tell you is who you are. It tries to define, to mold you and to shape you. And you must know the difference between what the world tries to shape you into a being and what God wants you to be. And let me just show you and just tell you the way that the world will shape you. And what happens when you do not know really who you are? In Psalms 82 in verses 3 through 7, it says this: Give food to the poor and hungry. Do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy, reap them out of the hand of the wicked. They know not, neither will they understand, they walk on in darkness. All the foundations of the earth are out of course. I have said, ye our God and all of you are children of the most high, but ye shall die like man and fall like one of the princess. Do you understand what God said? I have said, ye our God and all of you are children of the most high but you shall die like man and fall like one of the princess. In John 10:34, Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, I said ye our God. If he called them God under whom the word of God came and the scriptures cannot be broken, say ye of him whom the father had sanctified and sent into the world thou bless him is because I see it, I am the son of God. Jesus is God himself too. And that you are gods to him whom the word of God has come. And if God's word has come to you, his words have empowered you. He has placed himself within you. And it is the I AM principle and you must understand who you are. But sin always has a counterfeit. And there are six things that sin has always tried to do and to detour when you get a real understanding so that you will never know who you are. Let me tell you what man and princess and define who they are.

First of all, they say I am what I possess. You know oftentimes we will identify persons just by what they drive. I remember when I was single and I used to have a gold Corvette and I was at a particular vegetarian restaurant I ate at all the time. And sometimes someone would come in there and sit and wait and they look like they were waiting on me. They will go and ask them, "Are you waiting on the fellow with the gold Corvette?" They did not know my name. But I was identified by what I drove. And often many of you would do the same thing. What kind of car are you driving? You know that is the fellow that has a BMW. We are identified by what we possess. There was a man who lived next door where I live. He had this humongous house.

I cannot even think of his name. But when we mention him, we call him the man in the big house. And that is who he is. He is the man in the big house. So oftentimes we are identified by the world and we identify ourselves by what we possess. Next, we identify ourselves by what we do, by our profession. I am a doctor, I am a lawyer, I am a carpenter, I am a nurse, I am a manager, I am a businessman, I am a chef, I am a truck driver, I am a policeman, I am a preacher. We identify ourselves by what we do. And what we do becomes the essence and our self identification of who we are. And I recognized this a few months ago when I was having an issue with it, because often if I would travel, people would ask me the question of, "What do you do?" I had a problem answering the question because I could not pin down in one thing exactly what I do. I run two businesses, the business that I am most known by that carries my namesake is not the business where I earn most of my money. I earn most of my money from my own business, but no one really knows I even own that business. Then I am a pastor of a church, but I do not make any money as pastor of the church. What people mean by what do you do, they really mean where did you make your money from. I am perhaps known worldwide if most impact through mountain wings but I do not make any money off that. I had an issue about what do I really do when people ask me the question, "What do you?" And I had to sit and I had to ponder and I had to think of what is really the answer that I need to answer that question in my own. And do you know what I came up with and you know what I answered people with now when they ask me what do you do? The answer is, I say, "I help you." That is my answer. And the thing had galvanized everything that I do even in business. Everything I do in business must help someone. If I did not help someone, I am not true to what I call myself in terms of what I do. It is not what I am, but it is what I do. I had that answer not too long while we were working on our new product and someone came in and said, "We ought to put this in the product. It will make it sell better." Yeah, it would make it sell better but the problem is, I will not put this stuff in me. I would not take it, I would not put in my body and I would not put it in my wife's body, and I would not put in my children's' body. And I said, "If I would not put it in me or my family, I am not going to put it

in any stuff in myself, but it would have sell a lot. If everybody got it, I say yeah, they may have it in, I said, but I am not going to put in these bottles because it would not help people. In everything I do, I must be true to that which I say I do, I help people. Third thing of what the world programs, I am what others think of me. Reputation is important but it is not really you. Suppose Jesus would see I am what others will think of me. And so many despised you, conspired, cheated, and deserted, and betrayed you. You are not what others think of you and sometimes we live our whole life trying to get other folks to think well of us. Trying to impress them and show off and look good in other folk's eyes. You are not what other people think of you. The fourth thing that we think and when we look in ourselves, I am separate from everyone else. That is the self centered view of life. Me, my, my brother, my wife, my foe, and no more. We were separate from everyone else. And we think just I have got to get mine and it is me and it is I and my stuff. It is mine. It is a separate view of the supreme part of ego that I am separate. I am what I focus on. The fifth thing that we think is this: If I am separate and defined by all that I am missing. And you will be surprised by how many people define themselves by what they are missing. I am missing this car, I am missing this house, I am missing this man, I am missing this woman, and I am missing this better job. And we will find ourselves sometimes defining ourselves by what we are missing.

I am a widow. I am a divorcee. We define ourselves by what we are missing. I am broke. I am sick. See all of these is the I am. I'm is just a contraction for I am. And whatever you put behind the I am defines who you are. So whenever you say I am sick and saying God within me is against me. Did you ever ask yourself why and we will see. I am broke. I may not have any money but I am not broke. You want to say, you have to understand the difference between state and who you are. You can sometimes be on state that may not be the best in the world but that is not who you are. That is why my daddy always used to say when he was talking about money, he would say, "I have been broke many times, but I have never been poor, because broke is a temporary condition and poor is a permanent state of mind." It is someone had said, I am going to catch a negative view. The sixth thing in the world will have us believe is that, I am separate from God. People, God dwells within us. The kingdom of God is within. That is what Jesus is trying to get people to see and to understand. And sometimes, all we seek about is the God way up here, and we are down here. And people I believe I go through life with these, the knowledge and the firm belief that everything I do, God is with me. Every step I make, he guides me. There is no breath I cannot take if God has not had a part in. I am not separate from God. I am a part of God. Everything in my life, he controlled and orchestrate. He watched over. As a Divine, we must understand, who am I. And the world will have you focused on all this other stuff trying to define who you are. Thinking that if you get a pair of jeans

with a designer's name on it, it could make you somebody. Thinking that if you can get you car with a big hood on it and sets of tires that that will make you somebody. That is not who you are. It never will be. That is just stuff around you but it is not who you are. And we have to understand, who am I? And I will tell you today that I am not going to tell you who you are. I am just going to tell you, who you are not. You are not what you have. But you are rich or whether the world may call you poor, you are not what you have. You are not what your profession is. All doctors are not the same. There are some good ones and bad ones. There are some going to heaven and some going to hell. That is same thing that is true of all creatures. There are some good ones. There are some bad ones. There are some going to heaven and there are some going to hell. So just because your job does not define who you are and yet because you are a preacher does not define who you are. You are not what your profession is. You are not what others think of you. Really, it is more important of what you think of yourself. That is the thing that will make a real difference and eventually what you think of yourself, will give you to mirror in what other people think of. It all comes from the inside and when you would not think of anything, it is not going to be long before other talk because it will come out on how you talk. And there is a difference in just a voice of someone, that is why, God told go and tell I AM WHAT I AM.

That is what I am. Say, look I am here. When you are a leader, you cannot lead people shaky or you guys think I am here to get you all up. You cannot lead folks like that. You got to know a leader must exude confidence of God. He knew he could not see a man down there which he could not command. He got to get down there and tell them I AM sent you. I am here you get you out of your mess. So he has to impart some confidence in the most. You are not what others think of you. You are not separate from everyone else. You are here to interact and to be a part. No man nor woman is out. You are not alone. You are not defined of what you do not have. You never let what you do not have try to define and determine who you are. And you are not separate from God, you are his child. Do not you know my children my biological body will never be separated from anything I do. Anything I do will always affect me. You are not separate from God. Those of you who watch their television or listening via the internet either the Online World or Virtual Turkey.com, and you know someone who needs to hear who they are. Send them this message, it is message number 5227. Simply go to the Online Word.com. Click send to and friend and send them message 5227. I thank you for joining us today. Thank you for watching Brothers of the Word, because brother you need the word. Amen. Amen. Amen.

People, God wants you to know, who you are and the world has to tell you. And they always give you a false identification. I am a child of the most high. I have got his DNA. I thought God says he made us in his image? I believe in

the image of god, what in the world am I doing for ever calling myself ugly. I am made in the image of God. I am looking at the image of the good God Almighty. Do not let anyone ever try to define you, your body shape, or your hair, or your skin, or your lips, or your ears. God made that. He is made in the image of God. So when you look in the mirror, you have to be able to see some things. You have to be able to see fully who you are. And want you to know who you really are. That is why God had to work with Moses so much because oftentimes this gives us a great challenge. First thing that we say is I cannot do it. You find that anyone that ever accomplishes great things in this earth, but first of all, you have to have a religion in themselves. I am not talking about just a belief in God, you have to believe in yourself. You have to know that through the power of God, you can do this. Just as like the bible says, he said, anyone who follows my commands and thou shall make thou proud. If you do what I tell you to do, you will make your way prosperous. You have to know and you have to understand what is in you and who you are. And people, we are not even our father, our mother. I am part of holy Father. And when you know and embody, you can understand that. You can change the way you go through life. And you know the answer when someone asked you, who are you? And you need to be able to answer that question and you need to be able to either start when people ask you, what do you do? You take it to another level. And you begin to understand the purpose. See, first of all even for Moses, to know who he was, he has to know his purpose. And if you do not know your purpose, you never truly know who you are. If you do not know what God has sent you to do. And do not get it confused with another man's purpose, that yours may not be a grandiose. I was talking with my aunt down at my grandmother's house and she was telling me, she says, I always wanted to be a doctor, and when I got married, I stopped pursuing my dream of being a doctor. I just became a teacher. I always wanted to be a doctor. And I told her, I said, you know, you would have made an awesome doctor. There is no question about it. She knows more about medicine and the body even now that most doctors questioned her as a Biology teacher.

I said you would have made an awesome doctor. I said, but maybe it is not your destiny. Now a doctor, who would have influenced a few people, but you are a teacher. I said, how many lives you changed because you are a teacher. And she said, you know you are right. She said, I have a whole bunch of children that right now changed for real because of the influence of Mrs. Hawthorne? I said, you changed lives and though it was not what you wanted to be, you must understand, it was God's destiny. And the world will exalt a doctor over a teacher but God does not exalt either one of them over the other. It is not so much a matter of which one is which, it is who you are suppose to be. And I remember there was a person who used to go to the Arc. And he had never kept a job more than three years. And I was sitting with him and talking with him one day, and God spoke to me and told me, he used

to be a teacher. And he has the diploma and everything trying but everything he does failed. And he was supposed to be a teacher. He was telling me, "Sir you know, from all of that stuff he said, I have never earned more \$20,000 a year." I say, you are supposed to be a teacher. He said, "my mama is a teacher and my dad is a teacher. So I know teaching is in my blood." I just want to be someone with another title. He does not want to be a teacher. He wanted to be something because of what other folk felt but he did not want to fulfill, and as a result, everything he touched has flopped and failed. Not even long a list as I look. If you do not change the path, and get into God's destiny, I said you would not even remain in the Arc. I said because your pattern is you have never stuck on anything longer than three years. Every relationship, every job, everything you touched, you never stuck longer than three years. And I say, if you do not make a change, you do not really stay exactly three years, he would never face the Divine truth of who he was. He was a teacher. He just did not want to be. Moses did not want to be a deliverer beyond on that. Moses did not want to be the deliverer. Do you know that? Moses did not want to be the deliverer. You read it. Lord I cannot – hoot. Lord would not believe me. Moses did not want to be a deliverer. But it was his destiny. It was his calling and he would have never have success doing anything and he would never have fulfillment. Now he has some problem being the deliverer. And he told to Lord, "Hey Lord, what in the world are you giving me?" He has not stop of being the deliverer. Yes, because God has a destiny for you. Even when you find out what you are suppose to be. It does not mean there is an easy road. But I should guarantee you, it may not be an easy road, but it is an easier road. It is an easier road to go with God's destiny and try to go what you want to be. If you just follow what God has destined for you but you first have to know, who am I. Dear Father, we thank you for this word upon this day and I pray that this word answered some soul searching. That it cleared up some things. And there was a proof within your word even as your word answers one question it will often create another. Dear Father, I pray that this message today answered one question.

That it cause man to start seeking another. And let them know what you have destined for them. Let them know the course, the path. Even if you do not show them every step of the way, show them the direction. And give it to them clearly, so they shall know thy will. And thy son Jesus' name, we pray. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

To all of the people who have confusion and mystery about just career, I am talking about a job. And you do not know direction just in a job. I just want you to come up. All of that people that have, you do not know what you are suppose to do. You just -- Just stand up and go down to the point. All of the folks who have, you do not know. It is great people when you know what you are supposed to do. It will make a great difference. If you can just get

direction. If you can just get direction on what you are suppose to do. And oftentimes, career is a major issue. And oftentimes, it is not what you are destined not to do. It will be like Moses who did not want to be the deliverer. But yet it was his destiny. What I am going to pray over you are two major things. First, let the word comes that will show you your destiny. And the second is this, and this is what I had found and often happens with so many people. That even the word would supernaturally come, the problem is this, they would not do it. They just do not want to do it. They want to do something else like Moses. And Moses was a prototype that was so symbolic of what we are. When you read it right on that one -- he would not even do what he was supposed to do with circumcising his son. We have so much Moses in us. But just like Moses, we have so much greatness in us. And we have within us, the ability to deliver us from the bondage, they were often eased. Amen. Amen. Amen.

How many people do we have. Two. Four. Six. Eight. Ten. Eleven. Twelve. Amen. Amen. Amen. This twelve bow your head. Dear Heavenly Father, we pray thy anointing of direction upon them. Show them the way in which they shall go. Show them the things in what they are to do. Show them, Dear Father. Open their hearts and minds that they shall receive for the word of the Lord shall speak unto them. Amen. And this is what God has instructed me to do. See Elijah and James, if you two just come down, just twelve of you here, divide each of you into groups of four. So there are three groups of four. And each one of us is to meet with each one of you in the four, five just to talk. Sometimes, there are some things that you see in the natural. That is why oftentimes the father can direct the child or mother because they can see the talents and the ability of the child. And that is what God said. You talk with your family.

And you would be able to see some things, some of it in the natural, some of it will be in the spirit. Well, in that case, fourteen. Well in that case Elijah, you take five from here, I will take five here, and James will take four here. And we will set up times and each one of us will take as much time as needed and just talk with you. And to help to direct. There are some things that I can tell right off the bench, that; (1) God will usually send you in a direction wherever he permits you to do, you will be able to do it. And Moses said, you know he was slow of speech. So he partnered Moses with someone. And this is often one of the keys of whatever you to do. James and I are in will be talking with the other. My family just called Warner Brothers. He partnered with someone, so that where one had a weakness the other had a strength. So oftentimes your talent is not destined with what you have, put it in what who you are partnered with a strength. And Moses, I can speak with the poor. Even my brother could speak like me. And when you read the verses you find that when Moses came off the mountain, he told the people it was not Moses

who told them, it was Aaron. He told the people not Moses. He did most of the talking for he was partnered with someone. And that is one of the keys of the I am just to recognize that you are not alone. And sometimes you think, I did that duty all by myself and we have to realize we have to work with other people. The too often we mess up because we want to prove what we did by myself. And I am really by myself. I want to show the world what I can do. And sometimes it is not about what you can do. It is going to be about what you can do, partnered with someone else. Too many families are having a wide breakup because each one shows the other what they can do. It is never what we can do, it is what I can do. And as a result, they go separate ways because they have not first recognized what they already have. That is why when Moses want a hand with God, and even said, what you got in hand? And he said, a stick. And sometimes people, God will just give you a stick. But if it was anointed by God, you can take that stick and hook the world with it. And sometimes, it's all you need.

We were passing by and saw another card dealership opening up. I think it is – or Nissan, or MW. Do you know God? Did he gave you a stick? Not a baseball bat, a stick. And he took that stick and hooked the world with it. So sometimes, you got to ask yourself, what is in your hand? So we are going to get with each one of you. We will just schedule and meet and fit your schedule or however we have to do. And talk to you. And let your heart speak through you. And I guarantee, you will not come out of it the same. God wants you to have direction. He wants you to know who you are and whose you are. And until you know that. That is why doctors people have a second highest suicidal attempt in their profession. Because they think that what they do makes them who they are. And they get to the profession and they find out that here I am this big doctor but it is not like what I see. Now, this is not me. And they go through all these because they are going after the money and the glamour, and the prestige.

And they get all to listen and the same me. Living is tough because they never follow what God had destined them for and they have to know. You see that is why you must get out of your system what the world thinks. And finally get some out of prestige. And you need to know what is in your calling. You will only be truly fulfilled in your calling, and if you are not in that you will never be. How many people do you know happy with their job? There are few. Because they are not in their call and they do not understand. How they do is they just want to do Ajaa. And you need to get Ajaa before you can get Lijaa. Do not get me misunderstood because I cannot get the exact thing I want to say. I am not saying it. You need Ajaa before you can Lijaa. But you need to know what it is God has you to do. But you do not know, you wonder. Most people in school, they are there just to get a degree. But they do not know what they really want to do. Then you do not know what you want to

do, trust me, the devil will give you something to do. If you do not know what God wants you to do, I can guarantee you the devil will give you something to do. So you need to know what is divine. Once you know, that is why I ask you to refrain my stuff, I help people. I do not help everybody, I did not say it. Because I do not want anybody coming to me saying I say I help everybody. So you have to understand what you are destined to do. And once you understand that thing, it will start shaping your life and your direction. And you get fulfillment in what you do. It is a great blessing to be able to go to work and enjoy it. I mean if you do not like to move, you know what I am saying? Because you are out of your calling. And as a result, you dreaming and you will not wake up who you want to be. So this is what we all do. And I guarantee you; you will get some results out of this. Amen, amen. and Amen.